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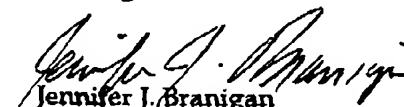
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Dear Examiner Small:

Further to our conversation enclosed please find the Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time and date stamped postcard for your review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSEAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 21 April 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application and consider the following:

The **claim amendments** beginning on page 2 of this amendment.

The **remarks** beginning on page 9 of this amendment.